

QUARTERLY REPORT



CITY OF SUNNYVALE

SUMMER 2007

THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN

The Sunnyvale Town Center is quickly being reduced to a pile of rubble as Devcon, the demolition contractor, makes quick work of clearing the downtown redevelopment site. As of press time, nearly the entire old

mall had been leveled, with work beginning on removing the old JC Penney building. In mid-June, the WHL building, a fixture on Mathilda Avenue just south of the Mozart buildings, was demolished.

Sunnyvale Mixed Use, LLC, the development name adopted

by partners Sand Hill Property Management and RREEF, also received the necessary permits from the City to begin excavating the future underground garages. As of press time, the excavation on the west side of Target was finished, and the excavation west of Macy's was nearing completion. Fifty trucks have been making 500 trips a day to haul out dirt from the excavations, which should be completed in the next few weeks.

In keeping with the demolition mitigation plan, Devcon has been using water trucks to keep construction dust to a minimum, and sweeper trucks have been cleaning Washington, Mathilda and Iowa of any dirt from the project.

Meanwhile, the developer has submitted plans for Phase 1 street improvements, including street tree wells, sidewalks and street lights. Plans for Washington/Mathilda intersection improvements were also submitted. The City is holding weekly meetings with the developers and the demolition company to ensure plans are met and any difficulties are resolved as quickly as possible.

The City has also been working hard to keep the community informed of progress on the construction site. Updates and photographs are frequently updated on both the City's Web site, www.sunnyvale.ca.gov, and KSUN-15, Sunnyvale's government-access television station. In addition, the City hosted a June 28 open house display at Plaza del Sol, featuring photographs of the demolition work, design plans, and representatives from the developer, the demolition contractor and the City. ☺



Demolition begins on the main Town Center Mall Building.

Photos: John Pilger



Six historic redwood trees, which mark the site of the old Sunnyvale City Hall, will be preserved.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS CHANGES TO CITY CHARTER

The ad hoc Charter Review Committee appointed by City Council last year, has made its final recommendations to Council. The committee has recommended a number of changes to the City Charter, including changing the mayoral term to two years rather than one, allowing board and commission members to switch to a different board or commission before the end of their term, and deleting the requirement that the city manager reside in Sunnyvale.

In all, the committee made 17 substantive recommendations and 11 "housekeeping" recommendations (clarifying language, correcting grammatical errors, etc.). Those recommendations that include changes to the charter, and which were approved by Council, will be on the November 2007 ballot. All changes to the City Charter must be approved by a majority of voters.

The committee's final report can be downloaded from the City's Web site, www.sunnyvale.ca.gov. ☺



Excavation of what will become an underground garage.

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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS PROMOTES PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTING IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters has sent more than 440,000 mailers to registered voters, inviting them to become permanent absentee voters.

Voting by mail has become increasingly popular in Santa Clara County in recent years. More than 230,000 voters are already registered as permanent absentees, and mail ballots accounted for 40 percent of all ballots cast in the November 2006 General Election. The mailer was sent to all voters who are not already registered as permanent absentee.

By completing the postage-paid reply card, voters can sign up for permanent absentee voting and automatically receive a ballot in the

mail before every election in which they are eligible to vote.

The permanent absentee application is also available online at www.sccvote.org. Voters can request an application by mail by calling the Registrar of Voters' Office toll-free at (866) 430-VOTE [8683].

Permanent absentee ballots typically are mailed about four

weeks prior to Election Day.

Voters can cast their ballots at their convenience from the comfort of their own homes.

Completed ballots can be returned by mail, in person at the Registrar's Office or at any Santa Clara County polling place on Election Day. Voters have until 8 p.m. on Election Day to return their ballots.. ☺

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at:

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ONIZUKA REUSE PLANNING MOVES FORWARD

Sunnyvale has completed the first phase of a multi-year planning effort by adopting five conceptual land use options for civilian reuse of Onizuka Air Force Station upon its closure in 2011. Sunnyvale City Council, which was appointed by the Department of Defense as the Onizuka Local Reuse Authority (LRA), approved the unanimous recommendation of the Onizuka Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC), and adopted five reuse options for further analysis during phase two. These five options are:

1. Low density offices, similar to the Department of Veterans Affairs' plans for rehabilitating the old two-story Onizuka headquarters offices.
2. Corporate headquarters offices to provide landmark-quality design for the important Mathilda

gateway to the City and Moffett Park.

3. A hotel and conference center that could help the City strengthen Sunnyvale's economic base by providing diversified services to support existing businesses.
4. An auto mall could help the City retain, expand or attract auto dealerships, and help any existing El Camino dealerships who might otherwise be forced out of the City to larger, more visible facilities.
5. A federal mandate requires LRA to include homeless housing as a reuse option, balanced with community needs for economic development and redevelopment. Because the Moffett Business Park area is zoned industrial, the LRA is currently exploring other site opportunities that may address homeless housing needs.

During phase two, the City will evaluate the feasibility, environmental and economic impacts of the reuse options, and submit a final reuse plan to the Department of Defense (DOD) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. DOD will have one year to issue its formal record of decision.

Phase three will involve negotiating and implementing the reuse plan, and will conclude with the completion of Onizuka's conversion to civilian use.

Sunnyvale community members are encouraged to join the dialog with both the Onizuka LRA and the CAC, and to help formulate a community consensus and vision for the future civilian reuse of the Onizuka AFS property. You can visit Onizuka.InSunnyvale.com or contact Bob Switzer, Onizuka BRAC Project Manager, at rswitzer@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us, to find out more about the meetings, reports and uses. ☺

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

City Staff updating General Plan to encourage community involvement.

The City of Sunnyvale has a strong tradition of community engagement. Community members volunteer their time and talent to serve on boards, commissions and advisory committees to help shape the future of Sunnyvale. Neighborhood associations and the Sunnyvale Neighbors Actively Prepared (SNAP) program bring neighbors together in a spirit of cooperation to solve problems and build a sense of community. Community engagement involves both the connection between residents and City Hall, as well as connections among community members. It is an essential tool for local government to identify and respond to residents' concerns and needs. An informed and involved community helps build a strong, positive, community identity.

The Community Participation sub-element of the Sunnyvale General Plan was originally adopted in 1983, and last updated in 1995. Staff is now updating the sub-element to reflect Sunnyvale's continued commitment to community engagement in relation to current census data and trends. The draft of the update is scheduled to be reviewed by Council in a July 24 study session. The Planning Commission is scheduled to review the draft at a public hearing September 24. All interested residents are invited to comment on this update of the General Plan at a community outreach meeting, Thursday, August 30, at City Hall West Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Patricia Lord at (408) 730-7477, TDD (408) 730-7501 or e-mail plord@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

ALARM PERMITS TO BECOME PART OF DPS ALARM RESPONSE REDUCTION PROGRAM

A shadowy figure slithers behind a closed business. The stillness of the night is shattered by the sound of breaking glass. But before anything can be stolen from the store, the piercing sound of the burglar alarm chases the would-be thief away and into the hands of waiting public safety officers.

This is a scene played out time and time again in the movies and on television. The importance of alarm systems in our overall crime prevention efforts cannot be underestimated. But the truth of the matter is that only about 1 percent

of alarms that Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) responds to are actual emergencies. Last year, DPS responded to more than 2,900 burglary alarms and more than 500 fire alarms. This represents a significant amount of officers' time spent addressing false alarms rather than actual emergencies.

In an effort to reduce the number of false police and fire alarms to which DPS responds, City Council adopted an ordinance governing how alarms must be reported, how DPS will respond, and under what circumstances the alarm owner or user is responsible for fees associated with a DPS response. Council further amended the

ordinance to require a permit and registration of the alarm with DPS. An alarm permit will be required of all alarm users as of July 1, 2007.

The City hopes the alarm permits will enhance our relationship with alarm-system owners. DPS will track alarm users to ensure they maintain responsibility for their alarm systems and provide DPS with accurate contact information.

Annual residential and commercial alarm permit applications can be obtained by contacting the DPS Crime Prevention Unit at (408) 730-7140, TDD (408) 730-7501. Additional information is available online at www.sunnyvale.ca.gov.

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SUNNYVALE DPS UNVEILS TWO NEW SAFETY VEHICLES

The Lenco Bearcat (left) is a fully armored rescue vehicle, equipped to detect a wide variety of hazardous materials and improve DPS rescue efforts.

Rescue 2's (right) light towers can light up an area the size of two football fields. The cab seats four officers, with a rear seating area that can be used as an information center for hazardous materials identification and mitigation.



Photo: John Pilger



Photo: City of Sunnyvale

HONORING SUNNYVALE'S LONG-TIME RESIDENTS

Most of us know Sunnyvale was once a thriving agricultural community sitting in what was known as The Valley of Heart's Delight. How many of us actually remember these idyllic days?

More than 100 long-time Sunnyvale residents were honored June 6 at "Celebrate 60". The event honored individuals who lived in Sunnyvale in 1947 or earlier, and continue to be part of our community today. Celebrate 60 featured entertainment by the Uncalled Four barbershop quartet and singer Judy Perris, Sunnyvale history trivia, and recognition of honorees by City Councilmembers and the city manager. As part of Celebrate 60, Fremont High School students are working on an oral-history project that includes interviews and videotaping of long-time residents; the project will continue during the next school year.

CELEBRATE THE STATE OF THE CITY ON JULY 4

Sunnyvale Mayor Otto Lee and the Sunnyvale City Council will present the 2007 State of the City, Wednesday, July 4, at Washington Park.

The Sunnyvale community is invited to enjoy the music, food and fun. In addition to State of the City address, awards for outstanding members of our community will be presented, including Businessperson

of the Year, Educator of the Year, High School Senior of the Year, Outstanding Contribution to the Arts, Outstanding Environmental Achievement and Distinguished Resident of the Year. The mayor will also present the 2007 Mayor's Awards of Excellence.

The event features music by the Magnolia Jazz Band, face painting, two bounce houses and information booths staffed by City departments.

A \$5 barbeque lunch will be available.

The 2007 State of the City event begins at 11 a.m. and is free and open to the public. Washington Park is located at 840 W. Washington Ave. Washington Park is served by VTA lines 32 and 53. For additional information about the State of the City celebration, please call (408) 730-7535, TDD (408) 730-7501.

SUNNYVALE LIBRARY OF THE FUTURE – FACILITY SCENARIOS STUDY

The Sunnyvale Library of the Future project moved a step closer to reality April 24, as Sunnyvale City Council examined potential designs and laid the ground work for further progress. Community members participated

in an interactive design workshop to develop ideas about what the new 143,500 square foot main Library should be like and where it could be located. The group also examined the opportunities and constraints of building a branch Library. More than 20 scenarios were developed and critiqued by the participants.

Public input from e-mailed comments, the workshop, focus groups and other community meetings were used to further develop criteria for the new Library and examine possible locations.

A report to Council, RTC 07-130, outlined the opportunities, constraints and cost implications of five of the facility scenarios, including two at the current Civic Center location and three within the downtown area.

Council found the plan most responsive to community needs through the year 2030 locates the Library in the Civic Center campus, at the corner of Olive Avenue and Charles Street, next to the existing Library. The current Library could then be converted to office space in the future.

The study established that constructing a new 143,500 square foot Library would cost approximately \$108 million, still considerably less than improving and expanding the existing Library. The new Library also would require \$1.2 million more than the current operating budget for ongoing costs, funds the City currently does not have. This plan would displace the temporary buildings located on the site and potentially the community

garden as well, each of which are on property the City purchased specifically for future expansion of the Civic Center and Library.

Council voted to accept the Facility Scenarios Report, and directed staff to further explore the costs and other considerations to build a new 133,550 to 143,500 square-foot Library on the Civic Center campus, and incorporate carbon-neutral and green design principles.

Council chose not to pursue a branch Library at this time, but asked staff to develop alternative methods of delivering cooperative public Library services with school districts, as well as looking into other methods to enhance services to students and community members.

Once the main Library's study is complete, a study will be initiated to determine the potential need for a branch Library.

Council also directed staff to conduct a community opinion survey to measure public interest in funding the Sunnyvale Library of the Future and to develop recommendations for funding both capital and operating costs through bond measures. They also directed staff to attempt to creatively incorporate the community garden concept in the design and building of the main Library

The designs for the new main Library are conceptual at this stage. If the Sunnyvale Library of the Future becomes a funded project, architects will conduct a series of public meetings to develop a detailed design.

For more information visit libraryofthefuture.inSunnyvale.com.



WILD ABOUT HARRY POTTER

One of the biggest events of the summer of 2007 – at least in the minds of most school-aged children and many adults – is the upcoming publication of the seventh and final book in the wildly popular Harry Potter series. The book should be available in many bookstores at 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 21. Online booksellers are also arranging for delivery of pre-ordered copies on that same date.

While the Sunnyvale Public Library does not intend to open one minute after midnight on the big day, they have preordered 50 copies of the new book, titled *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. The book will be delivered to the Library several days early so they can be cataloged and processed in time to be available to patrons when the Library opens Saturday at 10 a.m. In order to receive this special treatment, Library staff had to promise that no one will attempt to read the book before its release date, so don't ask for inside information.

As soon as *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* appears in the Library catalog, patrons may place a hold on it. There is a 50¢ charge for the hold at the time the book is checked out, but placing a hold may allow you to be among the 50 lucky readers to be the first to learn what happens to Harry and his fellow wizards.

While you wait for your chance to learn Harry Potter's fate, try some of these fantasy books:

Lloyd Alexander.....	<i>Chronicles of Prydain</i>
Eoin Colfer.....	<i>Artemis Fowl series</i>
Suzanne Collins.....	<i>Underland series</i>
Susan Cooper.....	<i>The Dark is Rising series</i>
Jenny Nimmo.....	<i>Children of the Red King series</i>
Angie Sage.....	<i>Septimus Heap series</i>
Jon Scieszka.....	<i>Time Warp Trio</i>



ENHANCEMENTS MADE TO SUNNYVALE LIBRARY'S WEB SITE

Here at the Sunnyvale Public Library, we like to think of the Library's Web site, www.SunnyvaleLibrary.org, as a virtual branch.

It's a place where you can access the same resources and services you would if you had just walked in the front door of the Library. Of course, there are some things you can do online that are difficult to replicate inside the building – for example, you can search across multiple reference sources in the time it takes to enter what you're looking for into a search box. Likewise, there are some things you can do in the Library that are difficult to replicate online, such as browsing the book shelves and finding a good book to read, or

hearing an author speak and getting a signed copy of the book. So while the online Library experience will never replace a visit to the Library, we recognize there is added convenience to be able to access the Library around the clock and from anywhere in the world where you can access the Internet.

In order to improve your online Library experience, a number of page layout, design and content changes have been made. The page layouts and designs attempt to strike a better balance between images and text, provide more intuitive navigation, and present a more uniform look. The new content increases both the number of things you can do online. Highlighted below is a summary of the most

significant changes to the Library's Web site in the past year:

- Podcasts of popular Library programs.
- Video Downloads
- Pay for fines with a credit card.
- Computer Skills Tutorials
- Inter-Library Loans
- E-mail notifications
- Account Login Shortcuts
- Community Profile
- Downloadable Publications
- Library News
- Sunnyvale History
- Sunnyvale Voices
- FAQs
- Address and Hours
- Site Map
- Live Homework Help
- Photos of Recent Library Events
- Library of the Future Information ☼

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

ADULT CLASSES

Basic Business Research

Wednesday, July 18, 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Learn how to find information on starting a small business, writing a business plan, finding company performance data, and performing competitive analysis. We will also cover resources for protecting and researching the intellectual property of a business.

Blogs and Blogging

Tuesday, September 11, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Have you heard the word “blog” everywhere, but want to know how blogs can be useful to you? Did you know that there are free, easy-to-use tools that can help you create a Web page in minutes? This class will introduce some tools and tips and demonstrate how you can create your Web presence today.

Computer Basics

Wednesday, September 19, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
A presentation designed for new or first-time computer users, with an opportunity for hands-on practice. Learn about computers in a relaxed, stress-free setting. This part lecture, part hands-on program lasts two hours. Registration starts two weeks prior to class date.

Extreme Googling

Tuesday, July 24, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Learn how to get the MOST out of Google and improve searching efficiency. You will learn why word order is important, how Google “thinks,” and how to limit and combine terms.

Free Databases

Thursday, August 16, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Some of the Library’s most valuable and up-to-date resources are online. Learn how to get free access to millions of Web-based magazine and newspaper articles, thousands of e-Books, detailed company directories, in-depth information on health, business, controversial issues and more.

Genealogy Databases

Tuesday, August 14, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Learn about the Library’s genealogy databases, Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest Online. The course will cover content, basic searching, and printing and saving techniques.

I Have an Idea ... Now What?

Wednesday, August 22, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
How do you start to turn your great invention idea into reality? Find out about different kinds of intellectual property rights. How much does it cost and how long does it take to get a patent or a trademark? Discover free resources for researching your invention. Learn about the steps you can take now.

Searching the Internet

Tuesday, July 17; Thursday, September 27, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Find the information you want in minutes. Learn effective search techniques, discuss search engines and indexes, and discover great places to start your search. Meet some specialized search engines, visit the Invisible Web and explore some special features of your favorite research tools. For those familiar with the Internet.

LITERATURE PROGRAMS

Monthly Book Group

Thursday, July 19; August 16; September 20, 7 p.m.
Enjoy the fellowship of readers as you share impressions of books selected by the group, discovering new viewpoints and deepening your reading experience. All are welcome.

Read-Along Shakespeare

Monday, July 2; August 6; September 10, 7 p.m.
Gather with other fans of Shakespeare to read his works and gain new appreciation of these timeless masterpieces. If the meeting date falls on a holiday the program is typically moved to the second Monday of the month.

ADULT SPECIAL PROGRAMS

“An Evening with Opera San Jose”

Monday, July 16, 7 p.m.
Opera San Jose Artists will perform selections from the upcoming 2007 – 2008 season

which includes Lucia di Lammermoor, Werther, Rigoletto and The Magic Flute.

“Challenge Yourself to Read”

Adult Summer Reading Program
Continuing until Friday, August 31, 2007
The adult summer reading program, which began June 1, continues until August 31.

The last day to sign up is Wednesday, August 1. To participate, you must be 16 years or older (younger readers should sign up for the Teen or Children’s programs). You must have a current Sunnyvale Public Library card and must have at least one book read at the time you sign up. Books can be fiction or non-fiction and in any language. Unabridged recorded books also qualify. The books you read are recorded on a log that you will receive when you sign up. After the first eight books are read, you will receive a free paperback book as your prize. Please stop at the Adult Reference Desk to sign up and receive your log. The last day to record titles is Friday, August 31.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Chocolate Extravaganza

Wednesday, August 8, 2 p.m.
More chocolate than you can eat. Chocolate poetry, chocolate games, chocolate prizes, chocolate, chocolate, chocolate. Write a poem to chocolate and bring it to win a prize.

CSI Sunnyvale

Thursday, July 5, 2 p.m.
Public Safety Officer Ben Holt will talk about forensics and detective work. Grades 3 and up.

Teen Talk

Tuesday, July 10 and 24; August 14 and 28, 7 p.m.
A book discussion group for teens in grades 6 – 11. Refreshments provided.

Yarn Days

Monday, July 9 and 23; August 13 and 27, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Learn to knit or crochet. Teens and interested adults are welcome to bring their yarn projects to the Library Program Room and have fun while working on them. If you want to learn how, bring some yarn. We’ll supply the knitting needles or crochet hooks and teach you how.

Y.N.K. – You Never Know

Teen Summer Reading Program
Register at the Children’s Information Desk between Saturday, June 16 and Sunday, July 29. Read 10 or more books and receive one free paperback book. Select your free book at the Library between Monday, July 30, and Sunday, September 2. For grades 6 and up. Ask for a form to make an ATC (artist trading card) for your favorite book, to be displayed in the Teen Section. Get a prize when you return the finished ATC.

CHILDREN’S STORY TIMES

Hora de Cuentos Bilingues

Story Times in English and Spanish
Tuesday, July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 7 and 14, 2:30 p.m.
Held at the Riviera Apartments, Morse and Ahwanee Avenues.

Mother Goose for Pre-Walkers

Tuesday, July 10 and 24, 11 a.m.
Tuesday, August 7, 11 a.m.

Mother Goose for Walkers

Tuesday, July 3, 17 and 31, 11 a.m.
For ages up to 2.

Toddler Story Time

Wednesday, July 11 and 25, 11 a.m.
Wednesday, August 8, 11 a.m.
For ages 2 – 3 1/2.

CHILDREN’S SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Summer Reading for Kids Get a Clue @ Your Library.

June 16 – September 2, 2007
For children as young as three and as old as those who have completed fifth grade.

Sign-ups begin Saturday, June 16. Read 10 or more books and receive a paperback book. Children not yet reading may count books read to them. Select your free book at the Library between Monday, July 30, and Sunday, September 2. Limit of one free book per child.

Saturday, June 16 – First day to sign up

Sunday, July 29 – Last day to sign up

Monday, July 30 – First day to get a free book

Sunday, September 2 – Last day to get a free book

Animal Surprises

Thursday, July 5, 7 p.m.
See what surprises animals can bring. Stories and a craft.

Puzzle Workshop

Tuesday, July 10, 2 p.m.
Learn to make different kinds of puzzles. For children entering third grade and older.

Mystery of the Dinosaurs

Thursday, July 12, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Stories and a craft.

Finger Knitting

Monday, July 16, 2 p.m.
Learn to create scarves and other things with just your fingers and some yarn. For children entering third grade and older.



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Brian Scott

Thursday, July 19, 2 p.m.
Magician Brian Scott will dazzle the audience, young and old.

Puppet Show

Thursday, July 19, 7 p.m.
Pourquoi Tales presented by the Library Puppeteers.

Who are you?

Thursday, July 26, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Create a disguise. Stories and a craft.

Solve a Crime at the Library

Wednesday, August 1, 2 p.m.
Young detectives are invited to help us solve this perplexing crime. For children entering third grade and older.

Wild Stories about Wild Animals

Thursday, August 2, 11 a.m.

Wildlife Associates

Thursday, August 2, 2 p.m.
Wildlife Associates present This Living Earth. For children five and older only.

Puppet Show

Thursday, August 9, 2 p.m.
P and T Puppet Theatre presents *The Adventures of Spider and Fly*. 🕷️

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SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST

Every year one-quarter of a million people in the United States die from sudden cardiac arrest, a sudden disruption of the electrical system of the heart which renders it unable to effectively pump blood. This often occurs without warning. For every minute a person is in cardiac arrest, their chance of being successfully resuscitated decreases as much as 10 percent. With rapid recognition of the emergency and the quick application of CPR, the patient's chances of survival are improved. However, the action which will provide the patient with the greatest chance of survival, is the rapid application of an automated external defibrillator (AED). An AED is a medical device designed to evaluate the electrical activity of the patient's heart, and then tell the rescuer to either apply

electrical shock or to continue CPR. Over the last 10 years, AEDs have improved and become dramatically easier to use, to the point that the Food and Drug Administration now allows the sale of an AED for home use over the counter without a prescription. Recognizing the simplicity of the use of the AED and the tremendous benefit they provide, the State of California now protects anyone who uses an AED, trained or not. The City of Sunnyvale recognizes the enormous benefit AEDs provide. Since 1993, the City's AED program has expanded to include all police and fire vehicles, select DPS staff vehicles and City buildings. Ninety AEDs are in place Citywide. More than 30 individuals are alive today in Sunnyvale due to the use of an AED. All of these patients were in cardiac arrest and were brought back to life

through the use of prompt CPR and the rapid application of an AED. The AEDs placed throughout the City are designed for use on patients age eight or older, and now include a voice prompt feature which provides the user with verbal directions as to the actions needed during a cardiac arrest. At City pools, the City has installed Phillips FRx Defibrillators, which are designed to be used on both adults and children. In order to adjust for the appropriate energy needed to treat a child, the FRx uses a special Child/Infant key to change the energy settings delivered to the patient. If you would like to learn more about public access defibrillation programs, contact Sunnyvale Lt. Steve Drewniany, Sunnyvale Public Safety, (408) 730-7133. ☎

MEET YOUR NROs

There are currently four Neighborhood Resource Officers (NROs) assigned to the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety Crime Prevention Unit. NROs are assigned to specific areas of the City, and work closely with residents, neighborhood associations and schools in that area. Throughout the school year, NROs speak to students on a variety of topics to help them stay safe, such as Internet safety, drug awareness and fire safety. NROs also coordinate numerous community events, such as the Pancake Breakfast, Special Olympics Torch Run and National Night Out

Meet Your NROs

Jenny Anton



Officer Jenny Anton has been a public safety officer since 2002. In addition to being an NRO, Anton is currently a mobile field force member and she has also worked in the fire division. Anton's program responsibilities include Special Olympics, Tobacco/Alcohol Decoy Operation, Safety Camp, Friends in Blue and Ropes Course.

Jim Davis



Officer Jim Davis has been a public safety officer since 1986. In addition to being an NRO, Davis is currently a member of the gang enforcement team. Davis was previously assigned to the patrol division, where he operated the rapid response vehicle. He has also worked in the fire division as an engineer. Davis is currently the NRO liaison to the following schools: Adair, Bishop, Columbia Middle, Ellis, Fairwood, Kings Academy, Lakewood, San Miguel, Sunnyvale Middle and Vargas. Davis' program responsibilities include: Health & Safety Fair, Columbia Neighborhood Center, Ropes Course, Juvenile Traffic Diversion, Basketball Shoot-out and Downtown Business Association.

Ben Holt



Officer Ben Holt has been a public safety officer since 2003. In addition to being an NRO, Holt is currently a mobile field force member. He has also worked in the fire division. Holt is currently the NRO liaison to the following schools: Braly, Cherry Chase, Cumberland,

Cupertino Middle, Laurelwood, Nimitz, Peterson Middle, Ponderosa, Stockmeir and West Valley. Officer Holt's program responsibilities include Choices, Health & Safety Fair Soccer Tournament, Red Ribbon Week and Explorer advisor.

Greg Othon



Officer Greg Othon has been a public safety officer since 1999. In addition to being an NRO, Othon is a SWAT team member. Othon was previously assigned to the patrol division as a field training officer and mobile field force member. He has also worked in the fire division. Othon is currently the NRO liaison to the following schools: Challenger, Fremont High School, Hebrew Day, Homestead High School, Resurrection, Silicon Valley Academy, St. Cyprian and St. Martin. Othon's program responsibilities include: Car Seat Safety Check, Fire Public Education, "Crime Prevention Though Environmental Design", Pancake Breakfast, Fire Safety Poster Contest and Explorer advisor. ☎

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SUNNYVALE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

THREE TOUGH JOBS ... ONE GREAT CAREER

Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety is recruiting public safety officers, hoping to hire 20 new officers this year to fill the void left by retirements.

The City has begun a continuous recruitment process which will help attract candidates to fill upcoming police and fire academies. This continuous recruitment means candidates do not have to wait for a hiring window, but can apply online any time and be ready for the next testing cycle.

If you are hired as a Sunnyvale public safety officer, you will embark upon one of the most interesting and rewarding careers available, performing the duties of a police officer, firefighter and emergency medical technician. The unique duties of a Sunnyvale public safety officer begin after 18 months of training, which includes the following:

- Police Academy Training
- Police Field Training
- Fire Academy Training
- AD/PO Certification

- EMT-1 Certification
- Assignment to Active Duty
- In-Service Training

Anyone interested in a career as a public safety officer is encouraged to visit *Jobs.inSunnyvale.com*. In order to meet the minimum qualifications for a Sunnyvale public safety officer, you must be 21 years of age at time of appointment, have completed 60 semester or 90 quarter units of college coursework, possess a valid Class C California driver's license, have no felony or certain misdemeanor convictions, be in good physical condition, be a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident alien who is eligible and has applied for citizenship (per California Code Section 1021), and be able to pass a background investigation. Benefits include an entry wage of \$76,465 for academy training.

The City of Sunnyvale also offers comprehensive medical, optical and dental coverage, bilingual pay, special assignment pay, a deferred compensation plan, PERS retirement of 3 percent at age 50 fully paid, holiday pay and education incentives. ☺

**SUMMER
MOVIE NIGHTS**

**AT THE
FIREHOUSE**

JULY 12 – STATION 1 (171 N. MATHILDA AVE.)

JULY 26 – STATION 4 (996 WOLFE ROAD)

**SWORD
IN
THE STONE**

**RESCUERS
DOWN UNDER**

OPEN TO KIDS IN GRADES K – 5; SHOWTIME: 6:30 P.M.
BRING YOUR CHAIRS AND JOIN US FOR POPCORN AND A MOVIE. FOR MORE INFORMATION,
OR TO RESERVE A SPOT, CALL (408) 730-7117, TDD (408) 730-7501. SPACE MAY BE LIMITED.

AMERICA'S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

On Tuesday, August 7, neighborhoods throughout Sunnyvale are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 24th annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event.

National Night Out is an organized effort to raise crime and drug prevention awareness, increase neighborhood spirit, develop police-community partnerships and to let criminals know that neighborhoods are prepared to fight back.

From 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., residents are encouraged to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening with neighbors. Sunnyvale neighborhoods that plan to participate by hosting special events may contact Mariana Alvarez, Public Safety Crime Prevention Unit, at (408) 730-7117. More information about National Night Out is available by calling National Association of Town Watch at (610) 649-7055 or visiting www.nationalnightout.org.

HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR 2007 AN EXCITING SUCCESS

Sunnyvale hosted its annual Health & Safety Fair, May 12, at the Columbia Neighborhood Center. The weather was warm and sunny — perfect for kids and their parents to enjoy all the event had to offer, including wheelchair soccer by the San Jose Steamrollers, Stanford Life Flight Helicopter, document shredding provided by Cintas, and the Perfection on Wheels – BMX stunt team. The Fair attracted more than 1,400 people who visited exhibit booths and learned about a wide variety of health-related programs and services. The face painting, soccer tournament, jump house and balloon shapes created by the clowns were big favorites among the kids. Mark your calendar for next year's Health & Safety Fair, scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2008.

CITY OF SUNNYVALE'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EARLY EDUCATION WINNERS

The Youth, Family and Child Care Resources Program and the Child Care Advisory Board announced the recipients for the City of Sunnyvale's Award for

Excellence in Early Education at the 2007 Health and Safety Fair. These annual awards are designed to recognize family child care providers, child care teachers, child care centers and pre-schools that provide outstanding early education experiences for young children in our community. The recipients for the 2007 Awards for Excellence in Early Education are:

- School-Age Child Care Center: Cumberland Child Development

Center/Cindy Lipp

- Child Care Center or Pre-School Director: Community Pre-School
- Pre-School/Child Care Center (Pre-School Age): Cupertino Co-Op Nursery School
- Family Child Care Provider: Bonnie Hasson
- Child Care or Pre-School Teacher: Community Pre-School – Room 7 Teachers

For more information on the City of Sunnyvale's Youth, Family and Child Care Resources Program, or the Award for Excellence in Early Education, visit *childcare.inSunnyvale.com* or call (408) 523-8150. ☺

PREVENT MAIL THEFT

For Managers and Owners

- Secure all of the apartments' designated mail drop boxes and in-boxes.
- Make sure your complex's mailbox is in good condition. Mail that is exposed can be a tempting target for thieves.

For Residents

- Promptly contact the senders if you do not receive credit cards, checks or other valuable mail.
- Be observant of activities on your street, including those near your letter carrier, the postal vehicle, residential mailboxes and collection boxes.
- If you observe any suspicious persons, vehicles or activity in your complex, notify your apartment manager and call 9-1-1.

For more information, call (408) 730-7100, or 9-1-1 if there is an emergency.

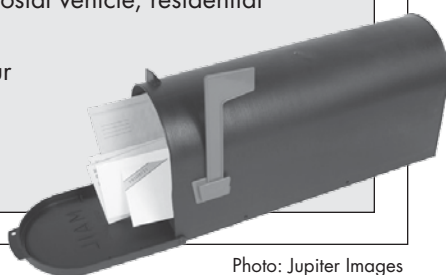


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NOVA CONNECTS YOUTH WITH JOBS

NOVA's Youth@Work is a free program linking young people seeking employment opportunities with companies that are hiring throughout Santa Clara County. It provides personalized employment assistance and job listings, as well as an information-rich environment for youth to learn about career options.

Anyone interested in Youth@Work can log on to www.youthatwork.org and select one or more jobs in the Web site's list of job openings, then a call to the NOVA Youth Employment Office at (408) 730-7640, will enable

you to attend a pre-employment workshop and to schedule an appointment with a career advisor.

For employers, listing jobs on Youth@Work provides easy access to job candidates and eliminates advertising costs. Youth@Work ensures that only the most qualified youth are referred to each job. Companies may also list internships, apprenticeships, volunteer and mentoring opportunities.

NOVA's youth services also offer additional support to individuals, aged 16 – 21, needing career and educational guidance. NOVA helps youth make and meet career

and educational goals with the assistance of a career advisor. The advisor provides one-on-one career coaching and assistance with financial obligations related to being successful in school or on the job. For more information on these and other services, or to list a job opening on the Youth@Work Web site, please contact NOVA's Youth Employment Office at (408) 730-7640, or visit www.youthatwork.org. You can also come by the office, located at 505 W. Olive Ave., Suite 300, near the Sunnyvale Public Library. NOVA is your first step in opening the door to the work world. ☺

LOCAL BUSINESS REVENUES HELP FUND SUNNYVALE CITY SERVICES

Did you know that about 50 percent of the City's General Fund comes from local businesses? This includes revenues from sales tax, property tax, utility user's tax, transient occupancy tax and development-related permits and fees.

This is one of the many reasons why it is important to "Shop Sunnyvale." When it's time to purchase a new car, visit Sunnyvale Auto Row on El Camino Real and shop our local shopping centers for all of your personal or professional needs. You can access shopping center information at www.ishopSunnyvale.com. Remember: Sunnyvale businesses help support City services.

It's good for the Sunnyvale economy, and it's good for the community. If you have any questions, please contact Economic Development at (408) 730-7607, TDD (408) 730-7501 or e-mail econdev@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. You can also visit Shopping.inSunnyvale.com

IDENTITY THEFT

If someone uses your name or any of your personal identifying information, you are a victim of identity theft. Date of birth, social security number, employee number, credit card, debit card or bank account numbers or mother's maiden name are all pieces of information that can be used to impersonate you or to obtain credit, goods, services, or medical information.

This information enables the identity thief to commit many forms of fraud, including opening bank accounts, applying for credit cards, loans or social security benefits, and

establishing services with utility and phone companies. The thief can also obtain identification documents such as a driver's license or passport.

Protect yourself from identity theft by shredding all documents containing personal information prior to discarding them in the trash or recycling. If you think you might be a victim of identity theft, you can report the crime by contacting the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety desk officer at (408) 730-7110 or visit the FBI's Internet Computer Crime Center online at www.IC3.gov. ☺

SUNNYVALE SPLASH SPECIAL EVENTS

The City is hosting two aquatic special events this summer featuring open recreation swim, games, prizes and snacks.

Free Swimming Sundays

Thanks to a recent decision by Sunnyvale City Council, residents can enjoy free family swim time on Sunday afternoons at the Fremont Swim Complex and the Lakewood and Washington Park pools during the months of July and August.

Sunnyvale residents and families are encouraged to enjoy time together as well as reap the health benefits of swimming. Swimming works your whole body, improving cardiovascular conditioning, muscle strength, endurance, posture and flexibility at the same time. The more you swim, the more your resting heart rate and respiratory rate will be reduced, making blood flow to the heart and lungs more efficient. On average, a swimmer can burn as many calories in an hour as a runner who runs six miles in one hour.

Swimming can also help fight the growing problem of childhood obesity. The best strategy to combat excess weight in children is to improve diet and increase activity. Swimming is a convenient way to accomplish that and spend time with your friends and family.

Peterson Middle School Pool Special Event

Friday July 13

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Resident Fees: \$2 child, \$3 adult
Non-resident Fees: \$3 child, \$4 adult

Washington Park Pool Special Event

Friday August 10

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Resident Fees: \$2 child, \$3 adult
Non-resident Fees: \$3 child, \$4 adult

For more information, call the Department of Parks and Recreation at (408) 730-7350, TDD (408) 730-7501. The Fremont Swim Complex is located at 1279 Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road. Lakewood Park is located 834 Lakechime Drive. Washington Park is located at 840 W. Washington Ave. ☺



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JULY IS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Americans spend more on medical care than any other single spending category. Staying alive, and, one would assume, reasonably healthy, consumes more than \$500 billion annually in out-of-pocket healthcare expenses. The battle to stay fit has us spending billions annually for gym memberships, vitamin supplements and diet books.

The fact is, it can be expensive and time consuming to stay in shape and have a balanced lifestyle. That's where the Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation Department (DPR) can help. In addition to fitness classes, DPR offers visual and performing arts classes designed to help with social relationships, language comprehension, reading and interpretation skills, creative thinking, originality and expression. Mastering these skills naturally leads to increased self confidence.

So why doesn't everyone take Parks and Recreation classes? The answer is simple: many just don't

know about the wide variety of class offerings. In order to help with this, the National Recreation and Parks Association has declared the month of July to be National Parks and Recreation Month.

The Euphrat Museum of Art's Art in Schools program hosted a special poster project to help celebrate and promote Parks and Recreation month and Arts and Humanities month in October. The Art in Schools program is funded through the City of Sunnyvale and provides after-school art classes for Sunnyvale's children.

For this special poster project, the Art in Schools program developed four unique interactive workshops that focused on visual and performing arts, physical fitness and cultural awareness. Students attended the workshops and then met after school to complete a related hands-on art project. Completed projects are now being photographed and combined into posters to be shown around the community.

On February 13, Nimitz Elementary School students

participated in an African dance and drumming assembly. The children were then asked to create related artwork in their after-school art class.

Other students read a short comic-style book about the Zuni Pueblo people of New Mexico, and how they are improving the health and pride of their community by re-introducing Zuni dance, art and culture to the children of the Pueblo. The students then did a hands-on project related to Zuni art and comic-style drawing, with a focus on action poses and character rotations.

Another hands-on project was inspired by traditional Chinese dance with a visit from the director of San Jose's Yao Yong Dance Company and a few of the company's dance students.

A selection of posters highlighting Parks and Recreation Month will be available for viewing in the lobby of the Recreation Center, 550 E. Remington Drive, beginning in July. ☼

SENIOR TRIPS

The Senior Center trip program is offering yet another wonderful year of exciting daylong and extended trips. These trips are led by an escort and include round-trip transportation from the Senior Center, hotel accommodations, most meals, some narrated tours and gratuities for services provided. Whether you participate in a day-long trip, an overnight bus trip, a cruise or an extended trip, you'll have an opportunity to meet new friends, see some great sights and return home with wonderful memories. Select a trip from one of the nine day-long trips offered each quarter, or one of our extended trips, and we'll handle the rest. Trip information is listed on the Web at seniors.inSunnyvale.com, in the Senior Center's quarterly *Steppin' Out Messenger* newsletter, and in the Senior Center's quarterly *Activity Guide*. If you are not currently receiving these publications, and would like to, contact the Sunnyvale Senior Center at (408) 730-7360, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Lake Tahoe September 18 – 20

Highlights include traveling up I-80, two nights at the Horizon Hotel and Casino, visiting historical Virginia City, Nev., a dinner and dance cruise aboard a paddle wheeler, taking Highway 50 back to the Bay Area, with stops at Apple Hill and Jack Russell Farm Brewing Company.

Washington, D.C. October 18 – 23

Highlights include tours of the White House, Library of Congress, Bureau of Printing and Engraving,



the Smithsonian, national monuments and several memorials, including the World War II memorial. Plus we've scheduled an evening at a dinner theatre. There's also time for you to explore Washington, D.C., or more of the Smithsonian on your own.

Napa November 4 – 5

Highlights include a cooking demonstration at the Culinary Institute of American, tour of the 1864 Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park, shopping at St. Helena Premium Outlet mall, tasting and food pairing of four luscious olive oils, boutique vinegars, and two wonderful syrups; one night at Embassy Suites, and a winery tour and tasting.

New Year's in San Antonio December 27, 2007 – January 1, 2008

Highlights include Marriott Rivercenter Hotel on the famous Riverwalk, the Alamo, Lone Star Brewery Hall of Horns, tour of San Antonio, tour of Austin (the Texas State capital), a visit to the Capitol Building, LBJ Presidential Library, visit the German community of Fredericksburg, the Admiral Nimitz Museum, LBJ's Ranch and childhood home, a visit to the Institute of Texan Cultures, El Mercado, the SAS Factory Shoe Store, and enjoy the New Year's celebration on Alamo Square.

Fabulous European River Cruise on the Rhine

May 24 – June 8, 2008

Highlights include 14 guided tours, through Switzerland, France, Germany, Holland and Belgium. Sign up soon for an extra \$500 early booking discount. ☼

FREE POTTERY CLASS

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at pottery? Here's your chance! Sunnyvale Recreation has a free pottery class designed to tempt you into a new world of expression. No registration is necessary. Just call Danny Sheu at (408) 730-7345 to reserve a spot.

WHO: First time pottery students, ages 16 and older

WHAT: A free two-hour, introductory class in pottery

WHY: Because it's fun!

WHEN: Wednesday, August 29, and Thursday, August 30, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

WHERE: Creative Arts Center Pottery Studio, Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive.



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“FOR YOUR HEALTH” COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERIES

Camino Medical Group (CMG) and the City of Sunnyvale continue to offer a free health series featuring a wide variety of health-related, timely topics of interest to you and your family. Presentations are led by CMG physicians, and are free and open to the public.

The one-hour lectures begin at 7 p.m. in Sunnyvale City Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave. Presentations are later televised on KSUN-15, the City of Sunnyvale’s

government-access cable channel. To reserve your seat, call (408) 523-3295 or visit caminomedical.org.

Wednesday, July 25 Got Heartburn? It Might Be GERD.

Presented by Nicole Simpson, M.D., board-certified gastroenterologist with Camino Medical Group.

Learn about the symptoms, causes and treatments for gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), also known as acid reflux.

Wednesday, September 26 Conversations with Aging Parents

Presented by Sangeeta Koparkekar, M.D., board-certified in geriatric medicine.
Learn about options and strategies for caring for an aging loved one. 🌱

GOT QUESTIONS? WE’VE GOT ANSWERS. CALL THE COMMUNITY LIAISON SERVICE.

The community liaison is the perfect contact to call when you have questions or unresolved issues in Sunnyvale. The liason helps community members quickly get the information they need, and can be especially helpful in resolving complex issues.

When you have questions, the community liaison will either

answer them, or put you in direct contact with the appropriate City staff member or community organization. This is especially helpful when you are not sure who to contact or even where to get started.

Need to resolve an issue? We can help with that, too. The community liaison has helped Sunnyvale residents resolve issues,

including nearby construction noise, inconsistent street signage, after-hours business nuisances and many others. The liaison is committed to helping residents solve issues, regardless of complexity.

For more information visit Help.inSunnyvale.com or call the community liaison at (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail ncs@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. 🌱



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YOUTH, FAMILY AND CHILD CARE RESOURCES NOW LOCATED AT CNC

The City of Sunnyvale’s Youth, Family and Child Care Resources program is now located at the Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC), 785 Morse Ave.

The Youth, Family and Child Care Resources program is dedicated to ensure a high quality of life for youth and families, and address child care needs by facilitating affordable, available, high-quality child care and early education services for children through age 12. Our goal is to promote a family-friendly environment, and take advantage of community resources to support youth and families.

For more information on the City of Sunnyvale’s Youth, Family and Child Care Resources program, visit ChildCare.inSunnyvale.com or call (408) 523-8150.

STARTING A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IN SUNNYVALE

Neighborhood associations in Sunnyvale are like snowflakes; no two are exactly alike. But as different as they may be, they all started the same way. At least one person in the neighborhood decided it was time to build a stronger sense of community, have a stronger voice at City Hall or address some neighborhood concern. Because the City feels strongly about the importance of neighborhood associations, it supports their efforts and encourages their formation.

If you are thinking about starting a neighborhood association in Sunnyvale, here are some helpful hints:

- Develop a core group of neighbors who are interested in starting an association.
- Set up an organizational meeting and invite many neighbors to begin building relationships.

- Create a mission statement, identifying the general purpose of your association.
- Determine geographic boundaries for your association.
- Develop a leadership structure and bylaws.
- Set up a meeting schedule.
- Establish neighborhood goals.
- Register with the City of Sunnyvale Community Resources Division – they are a great resource to answer your questions, and can provide additional suggestions to make your new neighborhood association a success.

For more information on starting a neighborhood association in Sunnyvale, visit Neighborhoods.inSunnyvale.com or contact Nathan Truitt, Community Outreach Coordinator, at (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail ntruitt@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SUNNYVALE

Magic was in the air as the City of Sunnyvale held its annual volunteer recognition celebration April 24. “The Magic of Volunteering” honored all those who contributed to the City through their volunteer efforts. Thirty-five volunteers were recognized for reaching milestones of five, 10 or 15 years of service to the City. In addition, three volunteers were presented with special certificates and pins for tirelessly giving more than 20 years to help the City in

various roles. More than 200 volunteers attended the event, but there are many more who serve the City daily.

Volunteers provide a truly magical component to help the City accomplish everything it does to make this a great place to live and work. During the first half of the past fiscal year, volunteers contributed almost 20,000 hours to the City, with an approximate cost savings of more than \$350,000.

Although the City reaps many benefits from the volunteers, volunteers in turn gain much from their service. This includes a sense

of contributing to the community, the knowledge they have accomplished something worthwhile and the feeling of being part of a large program that helps others.

If you’re interested in experiencing The magic of volunteering, go to the volunteer Web site, *Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com*, to see what opportunities are currently available and to sign up for future jobs. You can also call Volunteer Resources Coordinator Carolyn Lutticken at (408) 730-7454, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☎

NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT PROGRAM GAINING MOMENTUM

Last year, the City of Sunnyvale introduced the neighborhood grant program. The program funds neighborhood projects and events, which are planned and carried out by neighborhood associations and neighborhood groups within Sunnyvale.

The program offers grants of up to \$1,000 per association or group, which must be applied for in advance and fall into at least one of four categories:

- Increasing communication among neighbors
- Building bridges between cultural groups
- Improving the physical condition of the neighborhood
- Enhancing neighborhood pride and identity

During its first year, the neighborhood grant program helped fund events and projects for five different neighborhood groups, including a holiday parade in Lakewood Village, a multi-cultural dining event in S.N.A.I.L., a community picnic at the park in Birdland, a fundraising dinner in Cape Cod Mobile Village and a Chinese New Year celebration in Sunnyarts. Sunnyarts Neighborhood Association also used some of the grant money to create and distribute a neighborhood directory.

Each event and project required a large number of volunteer hours from local residents, and would not have been a success without the tireless efforts of the leadership teams. Neighborhood groups also spent time planning for the events, and figuring out how to stretch their grant dollars even further. Upon mentioning their event ideas

to local businesses, some groups received donations in the form of food, decorations and even prize giveaways for their events.

Although applications for FY 2007/08 have already been submitted, it is not too early to begin thinking about how your group can apply to use grant funds in the future. Some ideas from this year’s grant applications include using funds for National Night Out activities, neighborhood beautification projects, multi-cultural events and putting a new spin on traditional, longstanding neighborhood events.

If you are thinking about applying for a neighborhood grant next year, please visit *Neighborhoods.inSunnyvale.com*, or contact Nathan Truitt, Community Outreach Coordinator, at (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail *ntruitt@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us*. ☎

COMMUNITY EVENT APPLICATIONS AND BLOCK PARTY KITS – WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE?

With the number of community events and neighborhood gatherings increasing every year in Sunnyvale, the City has created two ways for event organizers to get the required permits and City services. The community event application and the block party kit are both helpful, but choosing the right one depends on the type of event you are planning.

The community event application is required whenever a group or organization is holding an event open to the general public, which requires City permits and/or City services to be rendered. For example, a street fair in downtown

Sunnyvale would require the street to be closed, as well as a permit from the fire marshal and possibly other City services. The community event application must be submitted at least 60 days prior to the event, to allow for proper review by City staff. If you are planning a large public event requiring City services or permits, please visit *EventApplication.inSunnyvale.com* to download the application.

The block party kit is used for neighborhood block parties, where the event will only be attended by neighborhood residents and requires a street closure. This application need only be submitted a couple

weeks prior to the event. The kit includes links to City forms for permits and street closures, and helpful tips to make sure your block party is a success. Go to *BlockParty.inSunnyvale.com* for an easy-to-follow, step-by-step guide to organizing your neighborhood block party.

For more information about the community event application or the block party kit, contact Nathan Truitt, Community Outreach Coordinator, at (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail *ntruitt@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us*. ☎

SUMMERTIME RECYCLING

The warm, long days of summer are a great time to build or rebuild your recycling habits. Follow these easy steps to keep your recycling practices working for you and the environment:

Recycle at home, at work, at play

Do some small recycling task every day; daily practice makes it easier to build good habits.

If you are on vacation, use all the available recycling services. If none are readily available, ask that the place you're visiting begin recycling.

Plan one of your summer trips to include the Sunnyvale Materials Recovery and Transfer (SMaRT) Recycling Center® where additional materials from those collected by your household recycling program can be dropped off.

SMaRT Recycling Center Services

The SMaRT Station is located at 301 Carl Road and is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Center is closed January 1, Thanksgiving and December 25.

Materials Accepted at the Recycling Center

Sunnyvale, Mountain View and Palo Alto residents and businesses may drop off the following items at no charge:

- Aluminum cans, foil and food containers
- Tin, steel, metal food and beverage containers
- Corrugated cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars (green, brown and clear glass)
- Newspapers and newspaper inserts
- Mixed paper – including brown paper bags, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, magazines, telephone books, packing paper, paperboard, colored paper, cereal boxes, egg cartons
- Plastic food, beverage and non-hazardous household bottles and jars numbered 1 – 7 (five-gallon or less). Note: We do not accept polystyrene packing materials (Styrofoam® peanuts, blocks).
- Plastic bags – including plastic grocery bags dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap, bread bags, and dry produce bags
- Scrap metal
- Businesses and residents can get cash for beverage containers marked “California Redemption Value” (CRV). Call (408) 752-8530 for information about the current CRV rates.

Hazardous Items (no charge)

Sunnyvale, Mountain View and Palo Alto residents may drop off the following items:

- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- Household batteries – including alkaline, carbon zinc, silver button and mercury
- Mercury thermometers and thermostats
- Rechargeable batteries – nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride and lithium ion
- Televisions and computer monitors
- Consumer electronics – including printers, stereos, DVD players and microwaves
- Sunnyvale businesses may contact the commercial recycling program at (408) 730-7484.

Automotive Products (no charge)

- Antifreeze (a maximum of 10 gallons per vehicle)
- Motor oil (a maximum of 20 gallons per vehicle, in 5-gallon containers or smaller)
- Auto batteries
- Oil filters

Santa Clara County residents may drop off the following items:

- Needles, syringes and lancets placed in approved sharps collection containers or a sturdy sealed container

When handling automotive products, do not mix automotive fluids. For used motor oil and used antifreeze, make sure to use a five gallon or smaller non-breakable container capped with a screw-on lid. For more information, call the SMaRT Station at (408) 752-8530. ♻️

GET RID OF YOUR UNWANTED VEHICLE – FOR FREE

Sunnyvale residents who have an unwanted vehicle that is taking up parking space may have the vehicle disposed of at no cost during Sunnyvale's Fall Clean-up Tow-away program.

Throughout October, residents may call the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) and request a pick-up appointment. Requests will be sent to a City-approved towing company, which will call residents directly to arrange for tow-away of the vehicle. Vehicle owners must sign over ownership and turn in the vehicle's pink slip to the approved towing company. Vehicles must be towable, with four inflated tires, and have all debris and garbage removed.

Vehicles removed during the fall clean-up do not qualify for a tax deduction. For additional information on the program and to schedule vehicle pick-up, contact

Michelle Tani in DPS at (408) 730-7104, TDD (408) 730-7501.

TAKING RECYCLABLES FROM THE CURBSIDE IS THEFT – PLEASE REPORT IT

City and state law prohibit the theft of recyclables. Help stop this curbside theft in its tracks. What Can You Do? If you see a theft in progress, contact Public Safety by calling 9-1-1 or (408) 730-7180. Provide the location, direction of travel, vehicle license number, description of the person and their vehicle.

To report a theft after the fact, contact Public Safety at (408) 730-7110. For your safety, do NOT confront the recycling thieves.



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COMMERCIAL RECYCLING ASSISTANCE

A recycling program can help your business reduce garbage costs and conserve natural resources. The City of Sunnyvale offers the following services and resources to help businesses recycle:

- **Online Recycling Resources** – Visit www.sunnyvalerecycles.org (click on *How Do I Recycle?*) for a listing of materials and their recycling and reuse options.
- **Cardboard Recycling Service** – Businesses must generate at least two cubic yards of cardboard each week to participate. A monthly bin rental fee will apply. Call Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling at (408) 566-1804 to request service.

- **Desktop Paper Recycling Containers** – The City can provide up to 200 desktop recycling containers at no charge to support your business office paper recycling program.

- **Waste Assessments and Technical Assistance** – Start a new program or improve an existing one. The City offers waste assessments, which include a site visit, written recommendations and a cost-savings analysis to businesses generating at least six cubic yards of garbage per week.

For assistance with your company's recycling program, call (408) 730-7484, TDD (408) 730-7501, or email jbenabente@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ♻️

Car Wash Kits Available for Loan

Car washes are a great way to raise money for charity, but they're not so great for the environments. That's why the City of Sunnyvale is making Sudsafe car wash kits available for loan to nonprofit organizations. The kits prevent soapy, potentially contaminated car wash water from entering storm drains. The kits include a fiberglass storm drain insert, a pump to collect wash water and a hose to carry the water to a sink for discharge to sanitary sewer lines or landscaping. Additional safety equipment, such as cones, traffic safety vests and water-

safe power cords, are also provided. Why are car washes a problem? Chemicals in soaps and detergents can harm fish and other wildlife by destroying the external mucus layers that protect them from bacteria. Concentrations as low as five parts-per-million (ppm) can kill fish eggs. Detergent concentrations as low as two ppm lower the surface tension of water, allowing chemicals such as pesticides to be more easily absorbed by fish. Even if soap isn't used, the wash water will pick up oil, grease, brake dust, exhaust fume residue, rust, benzene and chromium as the water flows

off the car, across pavement and into storm drains. When many cars are washed in one place, a significant amount of water pollution can be produced that can enter our creeks and the Bay. By using the kit, runoff is either diverted to areas where it can safely filter into the soil, or enter the sanitary sewer line for treatment at the Water Pollution Control Plant. For more information on best practices for car wash fundraising, or to borrow the Sudsafe car wash kit, call Sunnyvale Environmental Services at (408) 730-7260, TDD (408) 730-7501. ♻️



Water Conservation — Every Drop Counts

The most recent survey conducted by the Department of Water Resources in the Sierra Mountains revealed a dwindling snowpack. But this came as no surprise to California water agencies, which had already been busy monitoring rain and snow levels since last season. Last year, that same meadow was blanketed with 67.4 inches of snow. This year, the snowpack readings are being considered a wake-up call. State officials are making plans to promote voluntary water conservation in order to head off water rationing in the near future. But they also say mandatory cutbacks are being drafted, just in case next winter is dry too, setting up a potential water shortage in 2008.

Water conservation is something we can all practice. Without any great inconvenience, practicing water conservation can help you save hundreds, even thousands of gallons per month. Here are some useful facts and simple suggestions that will help you get started (see chart).

Saving Water Starts at Home

Smart choices can help keep supplies and costs in line. Water

conservation can save you money and it makes an important contribution to the future: **Stop leaks** – check appliances, faucets and outdoor systems, such as sprinklers, for leaks. Common leaks waste 10 percent of the water used in many homes. **Fix leaky toilets.** A running toilet can waste gallons each minute. Often a faulty flapper is the culprit. To check, put several drops of food coloring in the toilet tank. Don't use the toilet for 20 minutes. After 20 minutes have elapsed, check the toilet bowl to see if colored water has escaped into it from the tank. If the colored water shows up in the bowl, the toilet probably has a flapper leak. Replace or adjust the flapper. **Replace old toilets** – toilet flushing is the top water user in the home. If you haven't replaced your toilets in 10 years or more, you'll benefit from the new low-flush, high-efficiency models.

Buy an efficient clothes washer – washers are the second largest water user in the home. New Energy Star certified models may use 50 percent less water and energy per load. Experts say a switch to water-efficient appliances



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by a family of four saves more than 23,000 gallons per year. Washers that have no agitators have a moving wash plate that bounces and lifts the load. Such washers use about 40 percent less water. The EPA reports the average American uses 90 gallons of water a day. Even small changes can make a difference. Try to do one thing each day to save water. Don't worry if the savings are minimal. Every drop counts and every person can make a difference. Even children can help. Ensure that your children are aware of the need to conserve water. ♻️

ABANDONED SHOPPING CART HOTLINE

The City of Sunnyvale operates a hotline for reporting abandoned shopping carts within the City. Public Works Field Services staff works with businesses and commercial cart-recovery companies to have abandoned carts picked up in a timely manner. In accordance with state law, all carts are marked with a warning that it is illegal to remove the cart from the store premises. However, a few find their way to bus stops, sidewalks, front yards and sometimes into a street or a creek. The hotline, at (408) 730-7680, serves a dual purpose: for reporting abandoned carts and graffiti. When an abandoned cart is reported, the location is passed on to either the business or a retrieval company, after which they have three business days to retrieve the cart. If the cart is not collected within three days, the City will pick it up for disposal. Damaged carts are picked up immediately and disposed of. Through better cart control at the store, residents reporting abandoned carts through the hotline, and Public Works monitoring the abandoned-cart retrieval and collection process, we hope to minimize the visual impact on our City and neighborhoods.

Water Wasters	Water Savers	Water Savings
Faucet leak 60 drips/minute	Repair the leak	190 gallons/month
Washing machine 40 – 50 gallons/load	High efficiency washer 20 – 25 gallons/load	20 – 30 gallons per load
Silent leak in toilet 30 – 50 gallons/day	Fix the leak	30 – 50 gallons/day
Conventional toilet 3.5 – 7 gallons/flush	Install ultra-low flush 1.6 gallons/per flush	8 – 22 gallons per day based on four flushes
Conventional shower 15 – 40 gallons	Install low flow shower head 12 – 13 gallons	3 - 28 gallons per five-minute shower
Brush teeth leave tap on Twice daily 2 – 5 gallons	Brush teeth tap off Twice daily 0.25 – 0.5 gallons	3 – 10 gallons per day
Uncovered pool (18x36 ft)	Cover the pool	900 – 3,000 gallons per month saved from evaporation

<p>July 1 - September 30, 2007 Community Calendar also available online: www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/events</p> <p>In addition to City-sponsored events, the Community Calendar includes non City-sponsored events. Events posted to this calendar do not necessarily imply endorsement by the City of Sunnyvale. The calendar serves as an information-only resource for the community. All dates and times are subject to change.</p> <p>City Holidays</p> <p>Wednesday, July 4 Independence Day (City Offices Closed)</p> <p>Monday, September 3 Labor Day (City Offices Closed)</p> <p>Recurring Meetings and Events</p> <p>City Meetings</p> <p>City Council: Meets most Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Arts Commission: Meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee: Meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Board of Building Code Appeals: Meetings are held only when necessary. For more information call (408) 730-7444.</p> <p>Board of Library Trustees: Meets on the first Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Child Care Advisory Board: Meets on the fourth Tuesday of each quarter, 11:30 a.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Heritage Preservation Commission: Meets on the first Wednesday of every other month, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Housing and Human Services Commission: Meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Parks and Recreation Commission: Meets on the second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Personnel Board: Meets on the third Monday of the month, 5 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Planning Commission: Meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Recurring Community Meetings and Events</p> <p>American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Monthly Meeting: 1:30 p.m., Sunnyvale Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Dr. For more information contact Lu Zentner, (408) 481-0890 or ez611@comcast.net.</p> <p>Business Mixer, 5 p.m., evening networking events held every fourth Thursday of the month. For more information or to make a reservation contact the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce, (408) 736-4971.</p> <p>Farmer's Market, Saturdays (rain or shine), 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., S. Murphy Ave. between Washington and Evelyn Avenues. For more information call (510) 745-7100 or visit www.urbanvillageonline.com/sunnyvale/index.html</p> <p>Fair Oaks Toastmasters, Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Fair Oaks West Club, 655 S. Fair Oaks Ave. For more information contact Hanh Chau, (408) 251-2521, bchau1@aol.com or visit www.geocities.com/fairoakstoastmasters .</p> <p>Glaucoma Support Group Of The South Bay, 6:30 p.m., meets the fourth Wednesday of the month. Camino Medical Group Urgent Care Center; Conference Room #2, 201 Old San Francisco Road. For more information contact Sally Twestens, Health Education Department, Camino Medical Group, (408) 523-3221 or Chris Saleh, Moderator/Founder, (408) 404-8479</p> <p>Impressions Scrapbooking and Crafts Meets the first Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., Sunnyvale Adventist Church Fellowship Hall, 653 W. Fremont Ave. For more information contact Shannon Fiorello, (408) 782-0105, cropalong@hotmail.com or Shannon Andres, (408) 245-5634, cmbeartsong@hotmail.com.</p>	<p>Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, Drop-off at Sunnyvale Event Site (164 Carl Rd), 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Held on the third Saturday of every month (except December). For more information call (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.</p> <p>Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting: 7:20 a.m., Lookout Inn, 605 Macara Ave., (Sunnyvale Golf Course). For more information contact Bruce Carlson, (408) 774-0609 or bruce@carlsonfun.com.</p> <p>Wake-Up Sunnyvale, Monthly networking breakfasts held every second Thursday of the month at 7:30 a.m. For more information or to make a reservation please contact the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce, (408) 736-4971.</p> <p>Neighborhood Association Meetings</p> <p>Heritage District Neighborhood Association Meetings Meets held the first Friday of each month, 7 p.m., Murphy Park Building, 260 N. Sunnyvale Ave. For more information, please call Tom Carrig at (408) 736-6147.</p> <p>Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Meetings Meets the second Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. (except December), Fairwood School or Lakewood School – please visit the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Web site for locations at www.lvna.net. For more information, please e-mail Ursula Syrova at president@lvna.net.</p> <p>San Miguel Neighbors Association Meetings Meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., San Miguel School Teachers' Lounge, 777 San Miguel Ave. For more information, please call Tara Martin-Milius at (408) 733-5778.</p> <p>SNAIL (Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor Including La Linda) Meets the first Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., Columbia Middle School. Teacher's Lounge, 739 Morse Ave. For more information contact Elaine Rowan, (408) 749-1846.</p> <p>Classes and Programs</p> <p>Compost Workshop, Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum, 10 a.m. – noon. Workshops are one Saturday per month with registration deadline the day before. For more information, call the Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.</p> <p>July 2007</p> <p>June 30 – July 1 Relay for Life, 10 a.m., Sunnyvale Middle School. This is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. For more information, contact. Adriana Caldera at (408) 688-0117 or sunnyvalerelay2007@yahoo.com.</p> <p>July 1 – 29 California Theatre Center presents – The Madwomen of Chailot, for more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 733-6611 or visit www.ctcinc.org</p> <p>July 1 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>July 2 Board of Library Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>July 3 No City Council Meeting Scheduled</p> <p>July 4 City Offices Closed – Independence Day</p> <p>State of the City Celebration, 11 a.m., Washington Park, 840 Washington Ave. For more information call (408) 730-7535.</p> <p>No Downtown Music and Market Series Scheduled</p> <p>No Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting Scheduled</p> <p>American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Monthly Meeting, 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>Impressions Scrapbooking and Crafts, 7 p.m.</p> <p>July 5 SNAIL Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>July 5 – 27 California Theatre Center presents – <i>They're Playing Our Song</i>, for more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 733-6611 or visit www.ctcinc.org .</p> <p>July 6 Heritage District Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>July 7 Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.</p>	<p>July 7 – 26 California Theatre Center presents – <i>The Woman In Black</i>, for more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 733-6611 or visit www.ctcinc.org .</p> <p>July 8 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>July 9 San Miguel Neighbors Association General Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m.</p> <p>July 10 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>July 11 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>Downtown Music and Market Series – The Hitmen: 5 p.m. – 9 p.m., Downtown Sunnyvale, Murphy Ave. For more information call (408) 799-4344 or (408) 718-4880.</p> <p>Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>July 12 Wake-Up Sunnyvale, 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>July 14 Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.</p> <p>July 15 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>July 16 Personnel Board Meeting, 5 p.m.</p> <p>July 17 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>July 18 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>Downtown Music and Market Series – Wiseguys: 5 p.m. – 9 p.m., Downtown Sunnyvale, Murphy Ave. For more information call (408) 799-4344 or (408) 718-4880.</p> <p>Arts Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>July 19 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>July 21 Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Compost Workshop, 10 a.m.</p> <p>Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p> <p>July 22 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>July 23 Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m.</p> <p>July 24 Child Care Advisory Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>July 25 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>Downtown Music and Market Series – Busta A Groove: 5 p.m. – 9 p.m., Downtown Sunnyvale, Murphy Ave. For more information call (408) 799-4344 or (408) 718-4880.</p> <p>Glaucoma Support Group Of The South Bay, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Housing and Human Services Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>July 26 Business Mixer, 5 p.m.</p> <p>July 28 Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.</p> <p>July 29 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>July 31 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>August</p> <p>August 1 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Monthly Meeting, 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>Downtown Music and Market Series – Flashback: 5 p.m. – 9 p.m., Downtown Sunnyvale, Murphy Ave. For more information visit www.urbanvillageonline.com .</p> <p>Impressions Scrapbooking and Crafts, 7 p.m.</p> <p>August 2 SNAIL Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>August 3 Heritage District Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.</p>
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